PTO/SB/08A (08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

Attorney Docket Number 141483.00002

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required t		emark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ation unless it contains a valid QMB control number	
Substitute for form 1449/PTO	Compl te if Known		
000000000000000000000000000000000000000	Application Number	TBA	
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)	Filing Date		
	First Named Inventor	ALSSANDRO DE MATTEIS	
	Art Unit	TBA	
	Examiner Name	TBA	

				DOCUMENTS	T 0 0-1 1' 144
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number Number-Kind Code ^{2 (f known)}	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code**	11.00.001		
GA		^{US-} 6,322,315 B1	11-27-2001	Schmidt, V Charles L. et al	<u> </u>
GA		^{US-} 4,721,295A	01-26-1998	Hathaway, John M.	
GA		US- 4,770,402A	09-13-1988	Couturier, Dennis	
GA.		^{US-} 5,730,695A	03-24-1998	Hauschild, G. et al.	
Gn		US-			
		US-		Ì	
		US-			
		US-			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages Or Relevant Figures Appear	Ţ ⁶
		Country Code ³ "Number ⁴ "Kind Code ⁵ (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY			
			_			

Examiner Signature	/Gregory Adams/	Date Considered	05/30/2006

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 'Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 'See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 'Senter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 'For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the sental number of the patent document. 'Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 'Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Translation is attached.

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. 8ox 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.